## "THANKS TO FIRE"

Former Physician Says It Is Kansas "Pen's" Alibl.

Dr. Axford Reviews Biennial Report of State Prison.

### LIKE CENTRAL BRANCH WRECK

Such Reads Brick Yards Statement, Says the Doctor.

"On Behalf of Square Deal, I Protest," He Complains.

The Kansas penitentiary has been through a "hard season" according to a rather humorous review of the Nineteenth Biennial report of that instituion recently written by Dr. Sherman L. Axford former penitentiary physition now residing in Leavenworth.

Dr. Axford established an enviable professional reputation for himself among Kansas physicians familiar with his work as penitentiary phy-He introduced a series of 'operating 'days' when surgeons surrounding cities came to assist in a large number of operations on inmates of the prison, correctdefects which for the most part ing defects which for the most part had originated before their commitment. The last year of the Axford administration showed a total of but 3 deaths in the penitentiary while in the next year it jumped to 9. Under the present administration the prison medical department has been largely devoted to the study of mental peculiar-

In his review of the Biennial report

"I have received through the United chaos and anarchy, they forfeit the support if they persist in maintaining page were these words: Nineteenth Biennial Report of the Kansas State Prison. A better title would be—
"When the operators refused to ac-

"The report from the brick yard reads like a report of a wreck on the Central Branch. I am unable to figure out why the superintendent didn't make brick, unless the letter he wrote for repairs got lost in the mail.

"The farmer would sure have had one fine crop if it had rained—but it didn't. They would have had some pork, too—but the cholera. They would have cleared the island—but the fire (bless the fire) made it impossible to get the men.

In Deference to the President.

"The doctor has a fine report from the standpoint of diction; but he fails to tell what he has been doing. There to the medical treatment of prisoners, what they were treated for or by whom. He does not tell us how much time was lost on account of illness, injury, etc. Nary a word. He puts both years together and handles them as a lump sum. Under the previous administration—which is included in the first year of the report from the time was conditional gain to our opinion to wage the strike further would not mean additional gain to our fer the previous administration—which is included in the first year of the responsibility of any second year, under the present administration will rest the responsibility of any second year, under the present administration in the mining fields of the calcal that "some among us are nervous and excited" and that "some among us are nervous and excited" and that "some among us are nervous and excited" and that "we shall not turn America into a military camp, and especially when haif the world is on fire," said the part of wisdom to accept his suggestions and terminate the strike. In our opinion to wage the strike further would not mean additional gain to our moral insurance against the spread of the can moral insurance against the spread of the excentive of the can moral insurance against the spread of the can moral insurance against the spread of the among us are nervous and excited" and that "we shall not turn America into a military camp, and especially when haif the world is on fire," said the part of which is into a military camp, and especially when haif the world is on fire," said the part of when haif the world is on fire," said the part of when haif the world is on fire," said the part of when haif the world is on fire," said the part of when haif the world is on fire," said the part of when haif the world is on fire," said the part of when haif the world is on fire," said the part of when haif the world is on fire," said the part of when ha



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men to care for and the nine from less than 800 inmates. The doctor records 12 deaths in the biennium and the record clerk records 13. Is it possible that somebody killed one man and failed to report it to the doctor? In behalf of a square deal I protest. The board ought to make a ruling to require that all deaths be reported to the doctor. "I didn't tackle the chaplain's report in its entirety; but read down to where he had 'found it a man's job.' I knew he had not resigned, so passed the rest up. However, I think I'll go back and see if he reports the 'holy war.'

"If you didn't get one of these 'Compilation of Alibles,' then get one; you will learn something."

### MINERS' STRIKE ENDS

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Beginning of the End.
Final efforts on the part of the United Mine Workers to settle the strike, the communication states, began with the acceptance on September 16, of President Wilson's proposal of a three year truce. This action was taken by

a district convention at Trinidad.

"We were of the opinion," says the report, "that such action on our part would speedily terminate the strike not thinking for an instant that the operators would refuse the president's plan of settlement, especially when the plan meant nothing more or less than the impartial enforcement of the labor and mining laws of Colorado and the appointment of an industrial commission by the president to see that such laws by the president to see that such laws were enforced. In the refusal of the operators to accept the plan of settle-ment proposed by the president and their insistence on the continuation of a system which stands for industrial "I have received through the United chaos and anarchy, they forfeit the

"OUR ALIBIES:

"A Symposium on How We Failed to Deliver the Goods

"The most frequent alibi is the fire. I honestly think that the prison management are as thankful for that fire as the national administration to for the Liquor with the operators refused to accept the president's proposal we entertained the hope that President by governmental action. After waiting for more than two months for some measure to be adopted by the president that would terminate the NOW RES agement are as thankful for that fire as the national administration is for the war in Europe. It is a shame to work one small alibi so constantly, so persistently and so heartlessly. It isn't right and the matter should be reported to the Humane society.

"The warden says the reason that they fell down on their coal output is because they didn't have so many miners. The report shows ex-Warden Codding got out 61,145 tons of coal in \$4,975 working days, and Warden Botshin got 41,574 tons out of 63,665 days' he has submitted. The president that would terminate the strike and receiving no definite word with the president that would terminate the strike and receiving no definite word with the president, and accordingly with the president, and accordingly we met with him at the White House on Thursday, November 19. He told us at that time that he was legally advised that would terminate the strike and receiving no definite word with the president that would terminate the strike and receiving no definite word with the president, and accordingly we met with him at the White House on Thursday, November 19. He told us at that time that he was legally advised that in accordingly with the president, and accordingly we met with him at the Colorado coal mines and operate the strike and receiving no definite word to work the we concluded to arrange a meeting with the president, and accordingly we met with him at the White House on Thursday, November 19. He told us at that time that he was legally advised that action might be, we concluded to arrange a meeting with the president, and accordingly we met with him at the White House on Thursday, November 19. He told us at that time that he was legally advised that action might be, we concluded to arrange a meeting with the president, and accordingly we met with him at the White House on Thursday, November 19. He told us at that time that he could not take over the colorado coal mines and operate them under governmental supervision and thus force a settlement of the strike in acc miners. The report shows ex-Warden them under governmental supervision and thus force a settlement of the strike in accord with the peace plan him got 41,574 tons out of 63,655 days' work. Take a pencil and see who got the most coal per man.

"The report from the brick yard wishes in the matter and informed us he would do everything he could le-gally to bring about a settlement of

the controversy."

After quoting the communication of President Wilson on December 1, announcing the appointment of a federal mediation commission to deal with future controversies between op-erators and employees in the Colorado

coal fields the report says: In Deference to the President.

Will rest the responsibility of any future trouble in the mining fields of Colorado. In taking this position of the men.

Galleries Were Packed of the doors and fill the we are doing the best thing possible for the men.

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Union in Topeka Today.

Well Known Speakers Here for Fighting Kansan Paid Wichita Two-Day Sessions.

The annual meeting of the Kansas State Temperance union will be called State Temperance union will be called to order at the First Baptist church here at 3 o'clock this afternoon by J. W. Gleed, president. Following a song service and prayer, President Gleed will make an address. Leigh Colvin, president of the Intercollegiate Prohibition association, will make an address on "Where We Are At." Late this afternoon will be a general discussion, five minute talks, the appointment of committees and several announcements.

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Following songs and prayer this evening, an address will be made by former Governor John P. St. John of Olathe. His subject will be, "Kansas as a Factor in the Fight for Statewide and National Prohibition."

Rev.. Robert Gordon will speak Wednesday morning on "Results of the Late Election From a Prohibition Standpoint," foligwed by an address by Mrs. Lillian Mitchner, president of the Kansas Women's Christian Temperance ufilon. At 11 o'clock, John Dawson will speak on "Twelve Years on the Firing Line," and Governorelect Arthur Capper on the subject, "Way Out in Kansas."

At 1:45 o'clock Wednesday afternoon John Marshall will make an address, "When Shall We Stack Arms?" Clarence True Wilson, superintendent of the National Methodist Temperance association, will talk on the subject, "The Trend of the Nation of the Kansas Way." Rev. Julius Smith, a former missionary to Burmah, will make an address, "Our Needs, or How Can We Do More and Better Work?" A business meeting will then follow, including the election of officers.

The closing session will be called at the Carlot of the Carlisle and spend some time with his mother.

knew that Uncle Sam's greatest fighter was in their midst.

The reason of all this lack of a proper reception is that the general's coming had been unheralded and besides he was traveling in civilian costiume.

Unrecognized at First.

When the train came to a stop, General Funston, along with other through passengers, got off to stretch his legs and take a peep at the new station. At first no one recognized him, but in a few seconds some one whispered: "Isn't that General Funston?" Then it was only a short time until every one around the station was staring at him, and the crowd continued to gather until the train pulled out.

The general looks hale and hearty after his months of strenuous service at Vera Cruz. The old semi-tan color of his cheeks is still there. He is an plump as ever, and seems to have hanged very little.

Accompanied by his aid, L

The closing session will be called at 7:30 o'clock Wednesday night, Following a song service and special readings, Henry Allen will speak on the subject, "The Evolution—Down and Out—of the Liquor Traffic."

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to follow. The road at last lies clear
and firm before business. It is a road
which it can travel without fear or embarrassment. It is the road to ungrudged, unclouded success. In it every
honest man, every man who believes
that the public interest is part of his
own interest may walk with perfect
confidence."

In the text of his address, which
touched on the administration legis-

In the text of his address, which touched on the administration legislative program for the session urging passage of bills for Philippine independence, government owned merchant marine and some other projects begun but unfinished at the last session, the president devoted most time to discussing the question of the national defense, deploring a policy of militarism but endorsing a development of the national guard and a military training for citizens.

Word was received from Minneapolis today that one car load of 1,000 sacks to flour was slipped from that city Monday. There will be another from Delphos in a Tew days representing Wells, Lamar. Niles, Verdi, Delphos, Lindsay, Minneapolis, and Ottawa county generally and ditional contributions are being received from Minneapolis to a provide that one car load of 1,000 sacks to flour was slipped from that city Monday. There will be another from Delphos in a Tew days representing Wells, Lamar. Niles, Verdi, Delphos, Lindsay, Minneapolis, and Ottawa county generally and ditional contributions are being received from Minneapolis to a provide from that city Monday. There will be another from Delphos in a Tew days representing Wells, Lamar. Niles, Verdi, Delphos, Lindsay, Minneapolis, and Ottawa county generally and ditional contributions are being received daily.

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for citizens.

The Democratic side of both house and senate greeted with applause and laughter his declaration that "some

# Annual Meeting Temperance Major General Funston Visits

have made up a gift of two car-loads of flour for the Belgian relief moveof flour for the Belgian relief movement. The gift is notable for the fact that Cheyenne county is not among the wealthy counties of the state. It is a good ways west of the part of Kansas where crops can be counted upon with regularity. Money comes hard some seaesons with Cheyenne county.

Last season, however, was a pretty good one. Along with the rest of Kansas it raised much wheat. Being flush and still mindful that hard times are an unpleasant thing to face. Cheyenne county has come across in good style for the aid of the Belgian sufferers.

Minneapolis Heard From.

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"Wife and I have talked it over and decided we can take care of a Belgian orphan," declared a state official who

must cease.

Efforts for Peace.

"We have made every overture for peace since the beginning of this conflict. We have repeatedly sought as to be denied a hearing. We have repeatedly offered arbitration only to be ridiculed and in the end 35 of our men. women and children were must be denied a hearing. We have repeatedly offered arbitration only to be ridiculed and in the end 35 of our men. women and children were must be dealed a hearing. We have repeatedly offered arbitration only to be ridiculed and in the end 35 of our men. women and children were must be dealed to understand that the coal strike in Colorado was not a local or state issue, but a national issue of vital importance involving civil as of constant in the coal strike in Colorado was not a local or state issue, but a national issue of vital importance involving civil as of constant in the coal strike in Colorado was not a local or state issue, but a national issue of vital importance involving civil as of constant in the coal strike in Colorado was not a local or state issue, but a national issue of vital importance involving civil as of constant in the coal strike in Colorado was not a local or state issue, but a national issue of vital importance involving civil as of constant in the coal strike in Colorado was not a local or state issue, but a national issue of vital importance involving civil as of constant in the coal strike in Colorado was not a local or state issue, but a national issue of vital importance in the coal strike in Colorado was not a local or state issue, but a national issue of vital importance in the coal strike in Colorado was not a local or state issue, but a national issue of vital importance in the constant in the coal strike in Colorado was not a local or state issue, but a national issue of vital importance in the constant in the coal strike in Colorado was not a local or state issue, but an advantage in the constant in the coal strike in the co

of his cheeks is still there. He is as plump as ever, and seems to have changed very little.

Accompanied by his aid, Lieutenant Ball, General Funston left Galveston Sunday morning. He is en route to San Francisco and is to be away from his post of duty two months. He plans to stop in Emporia for a short time as the guest of William Allen White, who is an old boyhood friend, and from Emporia he will go to Carliale and spend some time with his mother.

RISH FLOUR EAST,

Creased about three-quarters of a million dollars, according to partial records for both years kept by Harrison Parkman, state fire marshal, who is now engaged in preparing his annual report.

The department was created in 1913 and kept records on nine months of that year, for which the full estimated fire loss was \$4,257,768. Based on the eleven months of the present year on which complete reports are available, the 1914 total should reach about \$33,493,412, showing a big decrease.

In the eleven months of 1914 now. In the eleven months of 1914 now complete the number of fires in dwellings reached 1,256, with a loss total of \$779,963. Other fire losses were: 14 in factories, totaling \$235,810; 481 in barns, totaling \$404,485; 3 lumber yards, loss \$72,275; at Pittsburg normal, \$65,000; retail stores, \$893,164; stock yards fire, \$49,295. The last item covers the loss at the stock yards on the Kansas side of the line. Heavy loss was sustained on the Missouri side.

### THE WEATHER RECORD.

Following are observations of the inited States weather bureau for the wenty-four hours ending at 7 o'clock his morning: Stations—
Amarillo, Tex.
Boston, Mass.
Buffalo, N. Y.
Charleston, S. C.
Chicago, Ill.
Cincinnati, Ohio.
Concordia, Kan.
Corpus Christi, Tex.
Denver, Colo.
Des Moines, Ia.
Dodge City, Kan.
Duluth, Minn.
El Paso, Tex.
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Kansas City, Mo.
Little Rock, Ark.
Los Angeles, Cal.
New Orleans, La.
New York, N. Y.
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OATS-Oats took the same course as

corn.
PROVISIONS—Trade was extremely alow. High prices for hogs gave a lift to provisions. Shorts were the chief buy-

Chicago Grain Market.

[The range of prices for grain futures on The Chicago Board of Trade as reported by Thos. J. Myers, Broker, Columbian Bidg.]

Chicago, Dec. & Open High Low Today Yes. WHEAT—
May ... 121% 121% 121% 121% 121%—
Dec. ... 116% 117 116% 116% 116% 116%

CORN—
May ... 68% 68% 68% 68%—68%—
Dec. ... 63 63 62% 62% 62% 62%—
OATS—
May ... 51% 52 51% 51% 62%—
PORK.

Jan. ... 18.50 18.50 18.55 18.42

Kansas City Grain Market.

(The range of prices for grain futures on the Kansas City Board of Trade as reported by Thes. J. Myers, Broker. Columbian Bidg.)

Kansas City, Dec. & -Close-WHEAT- Use High Low Today Yes. Liverpool Grain Market. Liverpool Doc. 5.-WHEAT - foot. sandy; No. 1 Manitole, No. 24; No. 2

keys, 15c.
CLOSE: WHEAT-December, \$1.08%;
May, \$1.14461.144.
CORN-December, 60%c; May, 67%c.
OATS-No trading.

Chicago Produce Market. Chicago, Dec. 8.-BUTTER-Market un changed.
EGGS—Market unsettled. At mark, cases included, 20622c; ordinary firsts, 286; 27c; firsts, 284630c.
POTATOES—Market unchanged.
POULTRY—Alive, higher; springs, 12c; fowls, 11c; turkeys, 14c.

New York Produce Market, New York, Dec. 8.—BUTTER—Market teady. Packing stock, current make, New York, Dec. 8.—New York, Dec. 8.—Yes Harket irregular. State Whole milk, white held specials, 18c.—EGGS—Market irregular. Fresh gathered firsts, 376,38c; seconds, 30,38c.

POULTRY—Dressed, firm; western roasting chickens, 144,618c. Live, steady; Western chickens, 124,614c; fowls, 136,14c; turkeys, 134,614c.

New York Cotton Market. New York, Dec. 8.—COTTON—Spot quiet; middling uplands, 7,50. No sales. New York Sugar Market.

New York. Dec. 8.—SUGAR—Raw, steady; molasses, 3.24; centrifugal, 3.89; refined, steady.

New York Money Market. New York Dec. 8.—MONEY—Mercantile paper, 4½@4½ per cent. Sterling exchange, steady; 60 day bills, 4.35; for cables, 4.87.75; for demand, 4.87.25. Call money, steady; high, 4; low. 3½; ruling rate, 3½; last loan, 4; closing bid 3½; last offer, 4.

New York Stock Market.

Wall St., New York, Dec. 8.—STOCKS—
Such changes as occurred at the opening of today's bond market were again limited to mere fractions. Atchison convertibles of 1957, Rock Island debentures and C. and O. conbertible 4½s rose ½½, while South
young Tom turkeys, 12c; old Tom turkeys,

Chicago Live Stock Market.
Chicago, Dec. 8.—HOGS—Receipts 24,000.
Market strong, Bulk of sales, \$6.7567.35;
light. \$6.5567.60; mixed, \$6.5567.00; heavy,
\$6.6567.35; rough, \$6.6566.80; pigs, \$4.7567.35.
CATTLE—Receipts 4,000. Market firm.
Christmas cattle, \$11.006711.75; native steers,
\$5.70610.70; western, \$5.2568.50; cows and
heifers, \$3.2568.50; calves, \$6.5069.50.
SHEEP—Receipts 12,000. Market strong.
Sheep, \$5.0065.95; yearlings, \$6.3567.20;
lambs, \$6.1563.25.

lambs, \$6.15@8.25.

Ransas City Live Stock Market.

Kansas City Dec. 8.—HOGS—Receipts
11.000. Market 10c to 15c higher. Bulk of
sales, \$6.95@7.20; heavy, \$7.10@7.25; packers
and butchers, \$7.00@7.25; light, \$6.95@7.20;
pigs, \$5.00@6.75.

CATTLE—Receipts 12.000. Market strong
to 10c higher. Prime fed steers, \$3.50@10.50;
dressed beef steers, \$7.25@9.25; western
steers, \$7.00@9.25; southern steers, \$5.50@
7.50; cows, \$4.75@7.25; heifers, \$6.25@8.75;
stockers and feeders, \$6.00@8.10; bulls, \$5.25
@6.60; calves, \$5.50@10.50.

SHEEP—Receipts 5.000. Market steady
to 10c higher. Lambs, \$7.50@8.10; yearlings,
\$9.25@7.25; wethers, \$6.25@8.00; ewes, \$4.25@
5.25.

Kansas City Stock Yards, Dec. 7.-The

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| Major General Funator Visit | Mills Robinson and the stock to the

(The following sales were made this morning at the Stock Yards Kansas-City, and reported over one distance telephone direct to the State Journal by Clay, Robinson & Co. ive stock commission merchants, with Africas at all markets.]

Kansas City, Dec. 5—CATTLE—Receipts 12,000 head. Market steady.
HOGS—Receipts 8,000 head. Market 10a to 15c higher. Bulk of ales, \$5,5067.20; top, \$7.25.
SHEEP—Receipts 5,000 lead. Market KILLING SI WE
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100. 1259 \$8.50 18. 1101
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COWS ANI. HEIFIRM
18. 754 5.65 5 824
6. 1180 5.50 10. 781
72. 931 5.75 14. 870
2 975 5.35 16 988
34. 523 5.60 KILLING STEELS. Pries. \$8.15 7.25

CALVES (Furnished by Chas Wolff Packing of

Topeka Butter, Eggs, and Poulity. [Furnished by the Topeka Packing Com-pany, corner Laurent and Madison.]

[Furnished by The Continental Creamer Co., Topeka, Kun.]

EGGS-25c.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. CHICAGO EGGS—28422c.
NEW YORK EGGS—374622c.
STORAGE EGGS—2746244c.
CREAMERY BUTTER—Chicago, Wheat Market. (Furnished by Shawnee Milling Co.

WHEAT-No. 2 hard, \$1.00. WHEAT-No. 3 hard, 98c. WHEAT-No. 2 soft, \$1.00. Topeka Grain Market. [Furnished by J. B. Billard, corner Ka-sas Ave. and Curtis St.]

Topeka, Kan., Dec. CORN-60c. OATS-38640c. WHEAT-85c6\$1.00.

Wholesale Fruit and Produce. [Furnished by S. E. Lux.] Topeka, Kan., Dec. & FLORIDA ORANGES—Per box, \$2.50. CALIFORNIA ORANGES—Per box, \$2.

G. 25.

GRAPEFRUIT—Per box, \$2.75.

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BANANAS—Per lb., \$23½c.

EMPEROR GRAPES—Per bbl., \$2.55.

CATAWBA GRAPES—Per bakt., 171½c.

JERSEY CRANBERRIES—Per lb., \$6;

Der bbl., \$5.75.

LEMONS—Per box, \$4.50.

APPLES—Jonathan, per box, \$1.25; Mammoth Black Twig, per box, \$1.25; Winesaps, per box, \$1.25; Gano, per box, \$1.25; Ben Davis, per box, \$1.15; Ben Davis, per box, \$1.10.

RED RIVER B. O. POTATOES—Per bu.

SWEET POTATOES—Per bu., 85c. CELERY—Per doz., 85c. OYSTERS—35650c per can; \$1.8062.00 per

gal. CHEESE-Per lb., 176184c. SPANISH ONIONS-Per crate, \$1.20.

Topeka Hay Market, Topeka, Kan., Dec. a. [Furnished by T. A. Beck, 212-214 E. 6th.] ALFALFA—\$12.00.

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